

home, while BEP officers are not. There is no meaningful distinction between officers for these two agencies. They should be treated equally.

This bill would allow all uniformed officers in the Treasury Department to carry their government firearms home to protect officers and the public and so that the Treasury Department does not have separate rules for different law enforcement agencies under its umbrella.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURING PROTECTIONS AGAINST CARBON EMISSIONS (SPACE) TAX ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Securing Protections Against Carbon Emissions (SPACE) Tax Act so that the federal government taxes commercial space travel like it taxes commercial aviation.

For months, the American public has witnessed billionaires and celebrities with enough money to vaccinate entire countries, end homelessness, cure diseases, or feed a nation launch themselves into space to gain notoriety and create a new space tourism industry. These launches are yet another example of the disturbing trend in rising wealth inequality in the United States.

As this nascent industry takes shape, Americans cannot overlook the environmental impact of sending humans into space, particularly when there is no scientific value associated with the launch. While proponents of sub-orbital space flights point to transatlantic flights as having similar carbon footprints, these flights carry significantly more passengers and travel much farther. The result is space launches that account for an estimated 60-times greater emissions than transatlantic flights on a per-passenger basis. That is enough to drive a car around the earth and more than twice the carbon budget recommended in the Paris climate accord.

The SPACE Tax Act addresses these environmental and fairness concerns by establishing a new excise tax regime on commercial space flights that is structured like the excise taxes we all pay for commercial aviation.

The legislation would establish a 10 percent per-passenger tax on the price of a commercial flight to space. It also includes a two-tiered excise tax for each commercial launch carrying humans into space that is based on distance above the Earth's surface.

The SPACE Tax Act makes our tax code fairer, ends the tax holiday on space travel, and is part of the policy prescription to ensure that billionaires are paying their fair share.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE BARRATT

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Joe Barratt.

Throughout his life, Joe's compassion, kindness, and creativity were evident to all who knew him. He had a passion for music and was a talented musician. Joe played cello for Concord High School's orchestra, taught himself how to play guitar, and was a talented songwriter and producer. His other interests included astrology and spending time with his friends in Todos Santos Plaza and Civic Park. An animal lover, Joe also enjoyed helping his mother, Leslie, walk dogs on the weekends. One of their favorite traditions was to stop at IHOP afterwards and Joe would indulge in the red velvet pancakes.

Joe had an extraordinary ability to help others feel accepted and cared for. He was welcoming and warm to kids that needed extra love and kindness. He has been described as a "shepherd amongst the misfit kids at school".

Tragically, Joe was killed in a hit-and-run accident and passed away on February 11, 2020. He is survived by his mother and father, Leslie and Joe Barratt II. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit and outstanding character. Please join me in honoring the life of Joe Barratt.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH MARY KILPATRICK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Mary Kilpatrick (née O'Connell), originally of Cleveland, who passed away at her home in Prospect Heights, Illinois this week at the age of 82.

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Thomas L. Kilpatrick for 56 years. The loving mother of Kevin (Patricia), Kimberly and Kerry Kilpatrick. Dear grandmother of Molly, Graham, Logan, and Chandler. Beloved daughter of the late Francis and Sue O'Connell. Adored sister of Dennis (late Bonnie) O'Connell, Patricia (William) Smith, Timothy (late Phyllis) O'Connell, and Suzanne O'Connell. Sister-in-law to Daniel (Barbara) Kilpatrick and Joanne (Jim) Mortensen. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Liz was a longtime member of the Buffalo Grove Garden Club, an avid shopper, and a serious holiday decorator. She was always proud to celebrate her Irish heritage and her Catholic faith.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was a supporter of mine and was the great aunt to my friend and former staffer, Sean F. Lowe. My deepest condolences go out to Elizabeth's immediate family, the entire Kilpatrick and O'Connell families, and to all whose lives Elizabeth so deeply touched. May her memory be a blessing.

HONORING MICHAEL J. PERRY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE AT SUNY CANTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Michael J. Perry, known to his students as "Poppa Mike," for 40 years of diligent service to SUNY Canton.

Mr. Perry joined the SUNY Canton family in 1976 and served the students until his retirement in 2016. From Bookstore Manager to Executive Director of the College Association, Mr. Perry held many roles that established his supportive presence on campus. He was a member of the Canton College Foundation as well as both the Eastern and National Associations of Auxiliary Services. Upon retirement, Mr. Perry served as Town Supervisor for the Town of Hermon from 2020 until 2022. He remained actively involved with SUNY Canton by keeping score at their basketball games and advocating for student success.

Students remember Mr. Perry as a strong advocate for their well-being and a major cultivator of their college experience. Many credit him for inspiring their passion for student leadership. For years, he organized the famous hot air balloon rides on Family Weekend and helped create numerous scholarships and enrollment opportunities. His colleagues will remember him as a unique and quick problem solver that helped their school thrive throughout many pivotal periods.

Mr. Perry is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren, all who will undoubtedly carry on his legacy of service and encouragement. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to honor and remember Michael Perry for his four decades of dedication to the students and communities of the North Country.